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Policy Firm On Viet Nam, Bundy Says

By the Associated Press

A high State Department official said yesterday the United States has made clear that if the South Viet Nam war worsens the possibility of military action against North Viet Nam has not been excluded.

Assistant Secretary of State William P. Bundy told the French Broadcasting Corp., "If it should turn out that it is not possible to deal with the insurgency without stronger measures, we have made it clear that we have not excluded the possibility of action against North Viet Nam, itself."

Mr. Bundy in response to questions, said the United States doubts if it would be useful to introduce American combat units into South Viet Nam or to take over command of the military operations there.

"But the conflict must be won by the South Viet Nameese themselves," he said.

Asked if the United States would be ready to use drastic measures—a reference to nuclear weapons—against North Viet Nam or Communist China, Mr. Bundy said this question has been studied carefully, but "I do not think it is appropriate to discuss the measures that might be employed in a case that has not yet arisen."

"We do not believe that Hanoi and Peking can be persuaded to leave their neighbors alone unless they are convinced that they will run into unacceptable pressures and military conflict if they continue to pursue their present ambitions," Mr. Bundy said.

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